

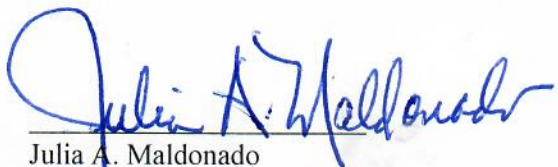
## HARRIS COUNTY FAMILY DISTRICT COURTS INCLEMENT WEATHER/CLOSURE POLICY

The Family Division of the Harris County District Courts adopts the following Inclement Weather/Closure Policy:

- (1) If The County Judge of Harris County announces the closure of County buildings, the Family District Courts will remain closed until the County Judge announces the reopening of the buildings.
- (2) If Houston Independent School District (HISD) cancels in-person **and** virtual classes, all hearings/trials in the Family Courts are cancelled on the day classes are cancelled. If HISD cancels **in-person only and proceeds with virtual classes**, the Family Courts will continue with all virtual hearings/trials. For hearings/trials scheduled to occur in-person, contact the individual court. An individual Family District Court may opt out of this portion of the protocol by providing the District Court Administrator with written notice of the Court's decision.
  - a. If a court decides to proceed with scheduled hearings or trials, it must inform District Court Administration (DCA) that it is opting out.
  - b. The District Court Administrator or designee will post court closures and schedules, including Courts that have opted out on [www.justex.net](http://www.justex.net).

District Court Administration shall post this policy on [www.justex.net](http://www.justex.net)

Signed on this 19<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021



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